London, J & F. Harwood, 26, Fenchurch Street.
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The Cove of Cork.

Dublin 1st of 12th mo.
1841

Maria Weston Chapman

Esteemed Friend

Believing that a few autographs of the *greatest* man in Ireland, for such I hold Theobald Mathew to be, as the *moral* regenerator of

his country, I wrote to him for a few;
he sent me a reply full of kindness &
affection; that he was afraid of being
too much exalted by acceding to such things, but that he would
not refuse me any request — You
will find eleven of them enclosed. I
kept one or two for myself & one or
two more for friends; — I can authenticate
the genuineness of these little letters, & I
doubt there will be found those amongst

your Tee Totallers, who will be ~~[illegible]~~ glad to possess themselves of them, & thus the "name" of Theobald Mathew will forward the cause of freedom -

But besides this, his name is prefixed to the address from our nation - may it arouse all your Tee Totallers to be one in the cause of Abolition! -

The other autographs are from a remarkable man - Jno Hockings - he was a forerunner of "Father Mathew" in Ireland, & as effective as he was - He now works indefatigably in the cause in England "a brand plucked from the burning" reclaiming thousands of his countrymen - The remaining inclosures are some mottoes, intended to be scattered amongst the Bazaar offerings, but not fixed with them for fear of exciting the ire of your probably proslavery excise officers -

Thine for the cause of the slave

Richd Allen

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The letter & sketch at the head of this
was doubtless one of Father Mathew's
early haunts — It is a beautiful
spot =

Richard Allen
Ansd